Indo-Nepal talks to erect boundary pillars

1288. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and Nepalese authorities have held talks for finalising survey work and identifying areas on border to erect permanent boundary pillars;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what has been the result of these talks?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) India and Nepal have finalised the field programme for ground verification for demarcation of the international boundary between them for the forthcoming field season which concludes in May, 2002. Work has commenced from the north-eastern extremity in the Sikkim sector and is progressing towards north-western extremity along the boundary. This programme has been drawn in accordance with the earlier decisions of the Joint Technical Level Committee on India-Nepal Boundary (JTC) with a view to complete the final preparation of Boundary Strip Maps by 2003. This deadline was also endorsed at the level of the two Prime Ministers during the visit of the then Nepalese Prime Minister Mr. Girija Prasad Koirala to India in July-August, 2000.

Indians in foreign jails

1289. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than 6,600 Indian nationals are languishing in foreign jails, as reported in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 8th November, 2001;

(b) whether Saudi Arabia tops the list with 1677 followed by Malaysia with 1040, Pakistan with 1036 and Europe with 300 and the country-wise details in this regard;

(c) whether under the Vienna Convention, the above countries are not required to inform Indian Embassy, how Indian nationals have been arrested; and

(d) if so, what remedial action has been taken by Government so far for release of Indian nationals?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement giving details of the number of Indians in foreign jails is given (*See* below).

(c) This is subject to a formal request from the prisoner. In actual practice, unless prohibited by the provisions of data protection laws, all countries signatory to Vienna Convention inform our Missions about the arrest of Indian nationals.

(d) As soon as an Indian Mission/Post is informed of the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the host Government for consular access. An official of the Mission/Post visits the detainee to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the Mission/Post takes up the matter with the host Government for speedy and fair trial and also for review of the sentence.

Statement

Indian nationals currently in foreign jails

Country	No.of Indians in Jails
Armenia	01
Australia	02
Azerbaijan	01
Bahrain	99
Bangladesh	421
Belarus	01
Bhutan	47
Brunei	03
Canada	04
Hong Kong (China)	28
Czech. Rep.	02

Country	No.of Indians in Jails
Denmark	02
Egypt	12
Georgia	01
Germany	224
Greece	97
Indonesia	04
Iran	09
Iraq	01
Ireland	01
Israel	01
Italy	47
Japan	03
Jordan	02
Kazakhstan	03
Republic of Korea	08
Kuwait	162
Lebanon	06
Libya	03
Madagascar	01
Malaysia	657 (in detention camps/jails)
Maldives	25
Mauritius	44
Mexico	13
Myanmar	21
Nepal	207
New Zealand	02
Sultanate of Oman	30
Pakistan	861
Panama	03
Philippines	03
Qatar	37

Country	No.of Indians in Jails
Romania	01
Russian Federation	02
Saudi Arabia	1677
Seychelles	01
Singapore	226
South Africa	95
Spain	80
Sri Lanka	41
Syrian Arab Rep.	01
Thailand	38
Ukraine	05
UAE	717
UK	190
USA	68
Uzbekistan	01
Vietnam	01
Rep. of Yemen	02
TOTAL:	6245

Issues discussed at Annual Conference on Terrorism

†1290. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, at the 70th Annual Conference on Terrorism at Budapest, Hungary had asked for a special legislation at international level for extradition of wanted terrorists;

(b) if so, the details of the other issues, if any, raised at the said Conference; and

(c) the extent to which Government are expecting to get success in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.